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SUBJECT: NEW EFFORT TOWARD COALITION GOVERNMENT IN ICELAND

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ICELAND'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY CHAIRMAN JOHANNESSON HAS FAILED TO GET THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS TO GO ALONG IN A LEFTIST COALITION AND WILL NOW TURN TO THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY.

IN A RADIO INTERVIEW TODAY, JOHANNESSON SAID BOTH ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE ISSUES LED TO THE BREAKDOWN OF TALKS AMONG THE PROGRESSIVES, SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, LIBERAL LEFTISTS, AND COMMUNISTS. HE SAID THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS' DEMANDS WERE THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE.

2. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS MAY HAVE INSISTED THAT THERE BE NO TIME LIMIT FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM THE KEFLAVIK BASE.

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THE PROGRESSIVES HAVE SET 1976 AS THE TARGET DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL AND THE COMMUNISTS WANT IMMEDIATE EVACUATION.

A PROGRESSIVE-INDEPENDENCE COALITION WOULD MAKE PROSPECTS BRIGHTER FOR RETENTION OF THE REPLAVIK BASE. THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY IS PRO-NATO AND WANTS TO CONTINUE THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE US.

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PROGRESSIVES AND THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY, HOWEVER, WILL BE DIFFICULT. LAST MONTH JOHANNESSON REJECTED AN INDEPENDENCE PARTY INITIATIVE TO FORM A COALITION AND THERE IS LONGSTANDING PERSONAL ANIMOSITY BETWEEN JOHANNESSON AND INDEPENDENCE PARTY LEADER HALLGRIMSSON. IN ADDITION, OBJECTIONS ARE LIKELY FROM MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENCE PARTY, ICELAND'S LARGEST, TO THE PROGRESSIVES' PLAYING THE DOMINANT ROLE SHOULD THE TWO PARTIES JOIN RANKS. E-2 IMPDET.W

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